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## Parks and Environment Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	19	<b>Contact</b>	Dela Ting, Acting Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Friday, October 17, 2008	<b>Phone</b>	416-397-7769
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	pec@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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Parks and Environment Committee		
Councillor Paula Fletcher (Chair) Councillor Raymond Cho (Vice-Chair - Parks)	Councillor Gord Perks (Vice-Chair - Environment) Councillor Pam McConnell	Councillor Ron Moeser Councillor Michael Walker

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**Speakers/Presentations: A complete list will be distributed at the meeting**

**Confirmation of Minutes – July 4, 2008**

**Communications/Reports**

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**Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Corporations and Divisions (ABCCDs) Presentations - Environmental Initiatives**

**Summary**

Presentations from the Waterfront Secretariat and City Planning.

(no written material)

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**Toronto Regional Centre for Education on Sustainable Development: Progress Report**

(September 25, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager

**Recommendations**

Deputy City Manager Richard Butts recommends that:

1. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office be requested to write to the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development and advise that the Toronto Environmental Office will conclude its secretarial support role to that body effective October 30, 2008; and
2. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office also be requested to advise the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development that the Toronto Environment Office will continue to participate as a member of that body.

**Financial Impact**

The conclusion of the TEO's provision of secretarial support for the Toronto RCE will reduce the staff time currently provided to that body and re-direct it to Council's priorities under the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees that there will be no financial impact.

## Summary

This report responds to the request of the Parks and Environment Committee for a progress report on the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (the “Toronto RCE”).

Over the course of the last year the Toronto Environment Office (“TEO”) has participated in the development of the Toronto RCE and provided secretarial support services. The secretarial support role has, however, been reduced as the Toronto RCE Co-Chair, Dr. Ingrid Leman Stefanovic of the University of Toronto and her support staff have taken on increasing role in the administration and co-ordination of the Toronto RCE.

This report therefore seeks Council direction to formally adjust the working relationship of the TEO in connection with the Toronto RCE to that of a participating member only and conclude TEO’s secretarial support function.

## Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-15997.pdf>

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## Additional Litter Pick-Up and Garbage Collection in City Parks on Long Weekends

(September 18, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and General Manager, Transportation Services

## Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that the strategy for additional litter pick-up and garbage collection in City Parks on long weekends during the summer season be accomplished by rescheduling existing staff and resources to cover weekends and holidays as part of their planned shift.

## Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## Summary

City Council at its meeting of May 26 and 27, 2008 adopted Toronto’s Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Project Results – Making Toronto the Best It Can Be as a guide for strengthening Toronto’s tourism sector within the context of the “Agenda for Prosperity: A Prospectus for a Great City.”

As a result, the General Managers of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Transportation Services were requested to report on a strategy for additional litter pick-up and garbage collection on long weekends in the downtown core and other high-volume tourist park locations.

To support strengthening Toronto as a tourism destination Parks, Forestry and Recreation will coordinate inter-divisionally with Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS) and Transportation Services to provide a seamless service to the downtown core and other high-volume tourist park locations on the five long weekends from May through to October.

Parks staff will adjust planned work schedules to accommodate additional litter picking and garbage collection crews for City Parks on long weekends from the May, Victoria Day long weekend through to the completion of the October, Thanksgiving weekend, covering the five holiday weekends to ensure parks are clean and inviting.

This change in service delivery will provide litter pick-up and garbage collection to parkland during weekends and on holidays where service has been traditionally provided the day following the holiday.

### **Background Information**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-15803.pdf>

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### **Delegated Authority for Agreements between Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Related to the Detection and Eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle**

(September 30, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### **Recommendations**

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that Council approve delegated authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for the purpose of executing agreements, with no net financial impact to the City, on behalf of the City with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

#### **Financial Impact**

Urban Forestry's operating budget is authorized up to \$3.5 million annually for this program. All costs have been 100 percent recoverable as per the Agreement with the CFIA, and all future agreements entered into under this delegated authority will be 100% recoverable.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

#### **Summary**

An Asian Long-Horned Beetle (ALHB) infestation was confirmed in the Toronto-Vaughan

area on September 8, 2003. Since that time, the City of Toronto, under the direction of and in partnership with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), has undertaken work related to the detection and eradication of the ALHB.

The CFIA has committed to fund work related to the detection and eradication of the ALHB undertaken by the City of Toronto. Delegating authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation with respect to the execution of Agreements between the City and the CFIA will streamline the process of collecting the associated costs and allow for the continued effort of eradicating a serious threat to Toronto's urban forest.

### **Background Information**

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-16014.pdf>)

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### **Review of Surplus Sites**

(October 1, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to this report.

### **Summary**

Staff considered the Committee request to distribute lists of surplus sites to Councillors and to review the sites from an environmental and parks point of view and to report to the Parks and Environment Committee.

The existing process for the circulation of surplus city and school board lands includes agencies, boards, commissions and City divisions (the City ABCDs), as well as the affected Ward Councillor. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division (PFR) reviews all such circulations in light of the Division's mandate and service requirements.

This report to the Parks and Environment Committee is to provide this information as requested.

### **Background Information**

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-16018.pdf>)

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### **3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell House - Centre for the Program of Excellence - Horticulture)**

(September 17, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

#### **Summary**

This report provides an overview of some of the programming directions planned for the new Centre for Excellence – Horticulture, to be set up in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's newly acquired property at 3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell House). This facility will be developed into what is hoped to a citywide 'hub' for horticultural education activities. The new facility will allow for horticultural education programs for children, youth and seniors from the surrounding community and will help to engage volunteers and form partnerships with the communities and businesses across Toronto.

#### **Background Information**

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-15801.pdf>)

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### **GreenSceneZToronto - Live Green Toronto Youth Video Challenge**

(October 9, 2008) Report from Director, Toronto Environment Office

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on GreenSceneZToronto – a video challenge designed to give Toronto's youth an opportunity to express their passion for the environment and inspire Torontonians to live green.

Youth in Grades 7 through 12 at Toronto schools are invited to submit their idea for a 30-second video on a storyboard. Six winning teams will have the opportunity to work with professional filmmakers at Planet in Focus to turn their great green message into a 30-second video.

The Toronto Environment Office has partnered with Planet in Focus, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board in the delivery of this new program as part of the Live Green Toronto program.

**Background Information**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-16180.pdf>